

final minutes

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. • Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Legislative Council Conference Room • 3rd Floor Boji Tower

124 W. Allegan • Lansing, MI

Members Present:

Judge Raymond Voet, Chair
Stephanie Drury (via teleconference)
Janette Kolodge (via teleconference)
Douglas Lloyd
Dr. Jessica Parks
Mark Risk (via teleconference)
Stacy Salon
Mark Witte

Members Excused:

Judge Amy Ronayne Krause
Judge William Ervin
Judge Harvey Hoffman
Andrew Konwiak
Judge Frederick Mulhauser

I. Call to Order

Due to the absence of Chair Ronayne Krause because of a family emergency and Vice Chair Ervin, the Honorable Raymond Voet was asked to chair and preside over the meeting. He called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. Roll Call

The Chair asked the clerk to take the roll. A quorum was present and absent members were excused.

III. Minutes of the July 22, 2014 Meeting

The Chair directed attention to the proposed minutes of the July 22, 2014 meeting and asked if there were any changes. There were none. **Mr. Witte moved, supported by Prosecutor Lloyd, to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2014 SDTCAC meeting as presented. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

IV. Committee Vacancy

The Chair reported the current vacancies on the Committee and opened a discussion regarding possible candidates to recommend to the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House.

Court Administrator Representative: The Chair noted that Mr. Nida has submitted his resignation and the Committee is looking for suggestions to fill this position. Prosecutor Lloyd shared that the Eaton County Court Administrator, Beryl Frenger, has the experience required. Dr. Parks offered that Gary Secor who is the court administrator for the 61st District Court which is the largest drug court in Michigan would be an excellent candidate as well. She added that Mr. Secor previously worked at the State Court Administrative Office. After some discussion, the Committee supported contacting Mr. Secor. Mr. Witte will contact Mr. Secor to ascertain his interest in serving on the Committee.

Circuit or District Alcohol Treatment Court Judge Representative: The Chair asked for recommendations for this position which is vacant due to the resignation of Judge MacKenzie. Prosecutor Lloyd recommended either Judge Sauter from Eaton County or Judge Tom Boyd from Ingham County. The Chair suggested Judge Jodi Debbrecht Switalski from Macomb County. After discussion, the Committee agreed that Judge Voet should contact Judge Debbrecht Switalski.

Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals Representative: Dr. Parks recommended Judge Susan Dobrich who is the current president of MADCP. She will contact her to see if she would be interested in the appointment.

The two other positions currently vacant—the juvenile graduate and the law enforcement representative—are still pending before leadership.

V. Certificates of Recognition

The Chair shared that certificates of recognition have been prepared for the outgoing members—Mr. Nida, Judge MacKenzie, and Judge Haley. The Committee had no objection to sending the certificates out.

VI. Subcommittee Function and Charge

With Judge MacKenzie's resignation, it was noted that the Veterans Treatment Court subcommittee is in need of a chair. **Mr. Witte moved, supported by Prosecutor Lloyd, to appoint Judge Voet as the chair of the Veterans Treatment Court subcommittee. There was no objection. The motion was unanimously approved.**

VII. Funding Update

Dr. Parks presented an update on drug court funding for FY 2015 and provided a brief explanation of each grant. See the attached document for more details.

VIII. Subcommittee Updates

Updates from the following subcommittees were then given:

Affordable Health Care Act Impact Subcommittee: Mr. Witte provided news pertaining to the implementation of the Affordable Health Care Act in Michigan. He noted that there are two primary elements as it relates to drug court action—the expansion of the population with insurance who have access to subsidized health care insurance and expanded Medicaid through the program called Healthy Michigan which technically began April 1, 2014. He shared that the Department of Community Health has not yet issued the technical language needed to support implementation, but DCH is set to release that on January 1, 2015. He noted that the plan the state has approved includes a panel of services that are identical for persons with mental illnesses as well as for substances abuse disorders. Mr. Witte continued with information that on October 1, ten (10) regional entities became in charge of substance abuse development instead of the sixteen (16) coordinating agencies previously established. Mr. Witte informed the Committee that there should be more information to share at a workshop he and another individual will be conducting at the upcoming drug court conference in March.

Defense Attorney Participation Subcommittee:

Mr. Risk had no update to report.

Funding Alternative Subcommittee:

Judge Hoffman was not present so no update was given.

Juvenile Issues Subcommittee:

The Chair announced that since the last meeting Judge Mulhauser agreed to chair the Juvenile Issues Subcommittee. Judge Mulhauser was not present today so no update was given.

Legislative Subcommittee:

Judge Hoffman was not present, but emailed the following update as his report:

As you are certainly aware, the legislative horizon has been dominated by the CSG proposals. Many of the most draconian aspects of the CSG proposals have been eliminated, and the ultimate impact on the DTC in Michigan may not be nearly as significant as previously feared. Some minor changes may yet be hammered out in the dying days of Lane Duck. Once Lane Duck is behind us, we should be able to return to a more considered approach to various issues regarding our beloved DTC.

One other bit of news from the legislative front, SB 637 seems to have hit a snag in House Committee. This is the Secretary of State/Interlock Company bill regarding MSOS oversight of the interlock companies involved in the DWI/Sobriety Court Ignition Interlock Program. Apparently one or more of the interlock companies raised concerns that some of the aspects of the bill would create an excessive burden on the companies. In the crush of Lane Duck, contested issues that are not on the front burner tend to not make it out of committee. Whether or not compromise can be achieved during Lane Duck, or whether it will be carried over to next year remains to be seen. I suspect that it will be carried over to next year.

One other bit of good news is that Rick Jones, my Senator is apparently going to remain as Senate Judiciary Chairman, giving us a powerful supporter on the Senate side.

Marijuana Subcommittee:

Judge Voet had no update to report.

Veterans Treatment Court Subcommittee:

Judge Voet was appointed as chair of this subcommittee earlier today. No update was available for him to report.

Vision Subcommittee:

Judge Hoffman was not present so no update was given.

IX. Public Comment

The Chair asked for public comment. There was none.

X. Next Meeting Date

The Chair asked if there were any objection to the proposed 2015 meeting dates—January 20, April 21, July 28, and October 20. There was no objection. The next SDCTCAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.**

XI. Adjournment

There was no further business. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

(Minutes approved at the January 20, 2015 SDTCAC meeting.)

Drug Courts

federal federal	Michigan Drug Court Grant Program (MDCGP)	\$4,820,000	Includes MDCGP, MDCGP Planning Grant, and Regional DWI Phase 1
	Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG)	\$1,500,000	
	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)	\$1,850,000	Includes OHSP, OHSP Planning Grant, and Regional DWI Phase 2
	Urban Drug Court Initiative (UDCI)	\$1,250,000	Includes 1/2 SCAO staff
		\$9,420,000	

Mental Health Courts

Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program (MMHCGP)	\$5,830,000	Includes MMHCGP, MMHCGP Planning Grant, and Regional MHC
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Veterans Treatment Courts

Michigan Veterans Treatment Court Grant Program (MVTCGP)	\$500,000	(awarded \$1,099,153.22)
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Community Court

Michigan Community Court Grant Program (MCCGP)	\$20,000
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Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program

Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program (SSSPP)	\$6,000,000	(really 5.5 M, awarded \$4,469,496.98)
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Total **\$21,770,000**